

## COMPETITION

[Non-opposition](#) to a notified concentration (Case COMP/M.6122 - **Orizonia/BCD Travel /JV**)

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case COMP/M.6214 - **Seagate Technology / the HDD Business of Samsung Electronics**)

Prior [notification](#) of a concentration (Case COMP/M.6209 - **PAI/Kiloutou**)

**Commission** clears **acquisition** of **Bucyrus** by **Caterpillar** ([IP/11/536](#))

**Two deputy directors-general** appointed in **DG Competition**  
[European Voice 05.05.2011 p.2](#)

**Germany** - [List](#) of **Notified Merger Projects**

The **Swedish Competition Authority** [examines](#) the **postal services market**

**OFT** - [Anticipated acquisition](#) by **Advent International Corporation** of **Priory Investments Holdings Limited** (03.05.2011)

## STATE AID

Judgment of the Court of 05.05.2011 in Case [C-305/09](#), **European Commission Vs. Italian Republic**,

**Re:** Failure of a Member State to fulfil obligations - State aid - Tax incentives in favour of companies taking part in trade fairs abroad - Recovery

**EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No 254/09/COL** of **10 June 2009** amending, for the **71st time**, the **procedural and substantive rules** in the **field of state aid** by **introducing a new**

**chapter on enforcement of state aid law** by **national courts**

**Information communicated** by **Member States** regarding **State aid** granted under **Commission Regulation** (EC) No [1857/2006](#) on the **application** of **Articles 87** and **88** of the **Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises active in the production of agricultural products** and amending **Regulation** (EC) No [70/2001](#) [OJ C 135 05.05.2011 p.5,8&11](#)

## TRADE &amp; CUSTOMS

[Decision](#) of the **EEA Joint Committee** No **4/2011** of **11 February 2011** amending **Protocol 4** (*Rules of origin*) to the **EEA Agreement**

**Anti-dumping:** [Decisions](#) taken by **written procedure**

**Commission** seeks to **end trade-talk deadlock**  
[European Voice 05.05.2011 p.5](#)

**Commission** wants to **exclude half** of **current GSP beneficiaries**  
[European Voice 05.05.2011 p.5](#)

**South Korean lawmakers** Ratify **EU trade pact**  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 05.05.2011](#)

**ASEAN-EU** strive to settle **trade barriers**  
[EU Briefing 04-05.05.2011](#) (xinhuanet.com)

## INTERNAL MARKET &amp; GENERAL

**EU Court** backs **UK expat disability benefit restriction** (See Case [C-537/09](#))  
[EU Briefing 04-05.05.2011](#) (BBC news)

**Youth on the Move: strengthening support for Europe's young people, Florence, 6-10 May** ([IP/11/535](#))

## FINANCE & TAXATION

Judgment of the Court of 05.05.2011 in Case [C-384/09](#), **Prunus SARL, Polonium SA Vs. Directeur des services fiscaux**

**Re** : Direct taxation - Free movement of capital - Article 64 TFEU - Legal persons established in a non-Member State - Ownership of immovable property located in a Member State - Tax on the market value of that property - Refusal of exemption - Assessment with regard to overseas countries and territories - Combating tax evasion - Joint and several liability

**Taxation: about 400 participants expected to discuss the future of Value Added Tax (VAT) in Milan** ([Programme](#))

[Midday Express 05.05.2011](#)

[Summary](#) of responses to the consultation on the Solvency II level 2 implementing measures is now available

[Midday Express 05.05.2011](#)

**Split over financial reform plans**

[European Voice 05.05.2011](#)

## INDUSTRY, ENTERPRISES, RESEARCH

**Commission aiming to harmonise EU chemicals legislation**

[Midday Express 05.05.2011](#)

**Italian authorities investigate suspected fraud network in EU-funded research projects** ([OLAF/11/7](#))

**Research projects vie for EU's €1bn prizes**

[Financial Times 05.05.2011 p.5](#)

**EuroChambres' response** to the Consultation on the Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation Funding

## ENVIRONMENT

[Statement](#) by Janez Potočnik on the conclusion of negotiations on a FLEGT

**Voluntary Partnership Agreement** between the EU and Indonesia

**Jakarta fights illegal loggers in EU deal**

[Financial Times 05.05.2011 p.5](#)

**EU's carbon market seeks reassurance**

[Wall Street Journal Europe 05.05.2011 p.24](#)

## HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

**Commission Regulation (EU) No [432/2011](#) of 4 May 2011** refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health

**SCFCAH - [Summary report](#) of Animal Health & Animal Welfare meeting on 04 April 2011**

**SCFCAH - Controls and Import Conditions - [Summary record](#) of 04 April 2011 meeting**

## TELECOMS & MEDIAS

Judgment of the Court of 05.05.2011 in Case [C-543/09](#), **Deutsche Telekom AG Vs. Bundesrepublik Deutschland**, others : **GoYellow GmbH, Telix AG**,

**Re**: Electronic communications - Directive 2002/22/EC - Article 25(2) - Directive 2002/58/EC - Article 12 - Provision of directory enquiry services and directories - Obligation placed on an undertaking assigning telephone numbers to pass to other undertakings data in its possession relating to the subscribers of third-party undertakings

## TRANSPORT

**Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovak Republic and Slovenia sign agreement towards the Single European Sky** ([IP/11/541](#))

**Commission to push for pan European passenger rail ticketing** ([IP/11/534](#) & [FAQ](#) : [Memo/11/276](#))

**Sky wars: Europe is battling to eradicate borders in the air**

[Wall Street Journal Europe 05.05.2011 p.16](#)

EU proposes **Airbus jet inspections**  
[Wall Street Journal Europe 05.05.2011](#)

## JUSTICE & HOME AFFAIRS

"**Women on the Board Pledge for Europe**" signed by **Guerlain** and **FES Consulting** ([IP/11/533](#))

EU weighs **proposals for new border checks** - Some **members** seek **national controls** to contain **recent influx** of **migrants** ([Com 2011-0248](#) & [Speech](#) by Cecilia Malmström)

[European Voice 05.05.2011 p.3](#)

[Wall Street Journal Europe 05.05.2011 p.3](#)

## €URO & ECONOMY

[Statement](#) by **Olli Rehn**, European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, and **Dominique Strauss-Kahn**, Managing Director of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, on **Portugal**

[Speech](#) by **Herman Van Rompuy**: "**European economic governance** and the **new institutional balance**"

**Portugal** faces **pain in spite of rescue**

[Financial Times 05.05.2011 p.1](#)

[Wall Street Journal Europe 05.05.2011 p.4](#)

**Clouds threaten to darken** the ECB's **sunny northern skies**

[Financial Times 05.05.2011 p.2](#)

**Finnish populists** raise **uncertainty** over **rescue**

[European Voice 05.05.2011 p.2](#)

**Greek debt** woes spur **divide**

[Wall Street Journal Europe 05.05.2011 p.4](#)

## ACCESSION & EXT. RELATIONS

**Commissioner Piebalgs** visits **Côte d'Ivoire** to assure **President Ouattara** of the EU's **full support** for a **swift and sustainable recovery** of the **country** ([IP/11/537](#), see also the [FactSheet](#))

**Commissioner Andris Piebalgs** visits **Guinea** to discuss the **next steps** in resuming **EU-Guinea cooperation**, with **new President Alpha Condé** ([IP/11/538](#))

**Hague** threatens **sanctions** against **Syria**  
[Financial Times 05.05.2011](#)

**Iceland 'better off without EU'**

[Wall Street Journal Europe 05.05.2011](#)